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Ford-Reagan race still alive

Carter almost sure of nomination now

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter emerged yesterday from the final Ohio, New Jersey and California primaries as the virtually certain Democratic candidate for the presidency.

But Republican challenger Ronald Reagan's solid win over President Ford in California — where Reagan won the state's 13 electoral votes — left the Republican nomination still in doubt.

Carter's landslide victory Tuesday in Ohio, coupled with the delegates he picked up while losing to young Governor Edmund Brown Jr. in California and to an uncommitted slate of delegates in New Jersey, gave him another 211 Democratic delegates in the three states. This put his commitments at 1,118 (1,505 are needed for the nomination).

Yesterday, following his victories, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Alabama Governor George Wallace came out in favour of Carter. Together the two control about 300 delegates.

In New Jersey Carter won the Democratic presidential-preference vote, with a 57 per cent showing. But the separate delegate competition there was won by an uncommitted slate filled with supporters of Brown and Senator Hubert Humphrey, which led for 66 delegates to Carter's 29.

In California, Brown was yesterday preliminarily credited with 198 delegates, Carter with 70.

In Ohio, Carter captured 52 per cent of the popular vote and 119 delegates.

Senators Humphrey, Frank Church and Henry Jackson, meanwhile,

were reportedly close to endorsing Carter in an effort to unite the party behind the young candidate, who has demonstrated a remarkable ability to attract voters.

Only California Governor Brown declared yesterday that he would continue his efforts until the convention next month in New York. Arizona Representative Morris Udall, who was Carter's opponent in Ohio, said half-heartedly that he would continue, but added that he was a "realist" and would support Carter if that was the will of the Democratic Party.

On the Republican side, President Ford was still out in front, although Reagan's approximately 60 per cent win gave the former film star all 167 of the state's delegates.

Ford had meanwhile won Ohio's 88 delegates, and an uncommitted slate that favours the President swept New Jersey.

Counting the nominally uncommitted 67 New Jersey delegates, that put Ford's delegate total at 959 and Reagan's at 868, with 148 uncommitted. It will take 1,130 delegates to select a nominee and there are still 283 to be selected.

But Washington pundits are largely convinced that a Ford-Carter race will result from the primaries.

From Israel's standpoint, both Carter and Ford have come out with increasingly favourable statements as the campaign continues. Yesterday "The New York Times" reported that Carter is saying "almost everything that Israel and its supporters here" want to hear.

Sen. Jackson, who was the favourite of friends of Israel in the U.S. because of his long record of support, has reportedly held talks with Carter on the Middle East and other subjects.



Ronald Reagan stands under "White House Express" banner as he makes victory speech after winning California primary. With him are his wife Nancy and son Skipper. (UPI/telephoto)

Rabin to Mapam: Will give much for peace

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Rabin reiterated to Mapam here last night that Israel was ready for "far-reaching territorial concessions" in Sinai, the Golan Heights and the West Bank.

The statement, made at the opening of Mapam's seventh convention, was clearly designed to please his left-wing partners in the ruling Alignment, as the convention will reappraise Mapam's nine-year formal link with Labour.

The 1,130 Mapam delegates, whose party has advocated far-reaching territorial concessions for peace, applauded the statement. But this did not mean Rabin and Mapam see eye-to-eye on Israel's future borders; the Prime Minister did not define "far-reaching."

Rabin also stressed Israel's social

achievements, declaring that "Israel is the only democratic country which does not solve its economic difficulties through unemployment." The rate of unemployment in the U.S. is nine per cent and in Europe (including Socialist countries) two to four per cent, he noted.

Rabin said that only Israel has a countrywide system of cost-of-living allowances; although he acknowledged that in some countries there are arrangements between organisations on compensating workers for price-rises.

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Giscard meets with Gazit

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Gazit reviewed the Middle East crisis at a 50-minute meeting at the Elysée Palace yesterday, their first since the envoy presented his credentials last December.

The meeting, which was arranged two months ago before the furor over the cancellation of President Katzir's visit to France, came as a surprise in diplomatic circles. It is unusual for the French President to receive ambassadors for a private session. Some envoys posted here have spent five years without a tête-à-tête with the French head of state.

No details were revealed. The meeting also took place shortly before the visit of Syrian President Hafez Assad who is due in Paris next Thursday for a three-day stay. The President and the Israeli envoy spoke in French. They met alone without aides.

Avineri: New options for Egypt, Jordan

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Shlomo Avineri, has been telling U.S. officials that the weakening of the PLO in Lebanon may open up new options for Egypt and Jordan to enter into non-belligerency agreements with Israel.

Avineri, who has met with top American officials, may meet next week with Secretary of State Kissinger following his return from South America.

Avineri believes that the U.S. and Israel currently see eye-to-eye on the developments in Lebanon. The Lebanese crisis has been taking up most of Avineri's talks here, although he has also discussed Israel's relations with black African states and possibilities with them.

Avineri believes the Sinai II agreement has weakened the Soviet position in the Middle East and has put the Soviets on the defensive.

Arab mission to Beirut in bid for truce, Syrian withdrawal

Joint force, without Egypt, prepared

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

A four-nation Arab commission last night flew into Beirut to seek the agreement of Lebanon's Christian and Moslem leaders on an Arab League resolution to solve the country's crisis. This calls for a nation-wide cease-fire in Lebanon, the withdrawal of Syrian troops from there and the dispatch of a joint Arab peace-keeping force to prepare for round-table political negotiations under the chairmanship of Lebanese President-elect Elias Sarrida.

Outgoing President Suleiman Frangieh yesterday rejected the Arab League mission outright, adding that the Lebanese favoured only Syria's current military intervention. Frangieh threatened to counter any Arab attempt to send other forces by taking domestic and international measures. He did not elaborate. But he reiterated that the crux of the problem of the 15-month civil war was the challenge of the Palestine Liberation Organization to any attempt, including Syria's, to restore Lebanon's state sovereignty.

The Arab League commission had been formed at an emergency session of foreign ministers in Cairo on Tuesday night. The commission, headed by the League secretary-general Mahmoud Riad, had earlier yesterday conferred at length with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus. The latter had evidently withheld his reaction to the League's resolution pending the PLO chief Yasser Arafat's reaction.

The Arab League was scheduled to continue its deliberations last night in Cairo in the presence of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam.

Algeria and Libya had already dispatched what were called "symbolic units" to Syria for deployment in Lebanon. It was not clear whether these troops would be under Syria's command or the Arab League-sponsored joint force. Iraq, Syria's rival in Lebanon, also declared that it had sent off units but did not mention their destination. The joint Arab force is scheduled to include Libyans, Algerians, Iraqis, Saudi Arabians and Sudanese as well as Syrians and PLO forces, but not Egyptians.

The Lebanese state radio which has been countering the PLO-leftist alliance in Beirut yesterday said that Lebanese citizens would resist the deployment of non-Syrian forces on their land. The radio said that the Lebanese would agree to nothing other than the Syrian "initiative" under which Damascus undertook to restore the Lebanon's state authority and contain the PLO there. The radio added that what the Syrians were actually doing was to end Lebanon's current crisis under which "Beirut had become the capital of the Palestinians."

Meanwhile, the PLO-leftist forces yesterday claimed to have engaged Syria's "invasion" forces on three fronts in Lebanon: the outskirts of Beirut, and the environs of the country's second largest coastal cities, Tripoli and Sidon.

PLO-leftist spokesmen said that fighting was still raging yesterday evening and that their forces were halting Syrian advances on all fronts, and that they were inflicting heavy losses on the Syrians.

The Syrians made no comment on their military activity, but repeatedly warned that the PLO's largest grouping — the Fatah of Yasser Arafat — was sabotaging cease-fire attempts.

In low-keyed statements, the Syrians indicated they were encircling several strategic positions around Beirut, Tripoli and Sidon, which were reported to be virtually besieged.

The Syrian siege of Sidon has cut off fuel supplies to terrorists and leftist forces elsewhere in Lebanon because their main oil refinery lies just south of the city. Western military analysts believe these forces cannot stand long against the Syrian assault without fuel.

The PLO and its allies have rationed petrol for military and other vehicles. Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of the PLO political department, dispatched a radio message to Arafat in Cairo saying, "The situation here is very grave."

Kaddoumi's radio message was followed by a warning from Arafat that "some heads in the Arab world would roll if Palestinian heads were being blown up."

The Soviet remarks were seen by observers as a warning to the Syrians against further military action against the PLO-leftist camp.

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Red Cross workers remove bodies of Syrian troops killed when their tanks and armoured vehicles were ambushed by leftists in the centre of Sidon on Tuesday. Shattered Syrian tank in the background. (UPI/telephoto)

AS COUNCIL ADJOURNS

Herzog raps UN for silence on Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel's Ambassador at the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, yesterday lashed out against the "international hypocrisy and callousness" of the world organization for remaining silent on the "slaughter" in Lebanon.

At a press conference, Herzog complained in harsh terms over the fact that the UN has found the time to have virtually monthly debates condemning Israel, while there has been no move to resolve the Lebanese conflict.

Herzog spoke while the Security Council opened discussions on a report of the "Palestine committee" calling for the return of the Palestinian Arab refugees to their "homeland" and Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 borders — a report Israel has rejected. Israel is also boycotting the Council session.

Pointing out that major fighting was taking place in Lebanon, Herzog rhetorically asked: "And what does the Security Council do?" The envoy noted that "Israel has

been so far the only country in meetings of the United Nations to raise this problem."

"The issue of Lebanon is not raised because the Arab delegates object to its being raised. When they object... everyone jumps in to line... when they want a meeting of the Security Council, there is one, whether or not it is necessary."

The Council adjourned without setting a date or the next meeting. UN officials said, however, that the Council will take up the Cyprus question tomorrow afternoon and resume the Palestine debate after June 15.

The Palestine Liberation Organization was seated in the Council on the same terms as a member state.

The United States cast the only vote against extending the invitation to the PLO on that basis. As this was procedural, the U.S. vote did not constitute a veto. France, Britain and Italy abstained. The 11 other members voted to accord the PLO governmental status.

Want IL750m. more off defence...

Cabinet approves IL1,150m. cuts in the budget

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Cabinet at an extraordinary session yesterday resolved to cut IL1,150m. from the ministries' budgets, excluding that of Defence, and transfer the sum to the Government Budget's "reserves" item. The cuts are to be made according to proposals outlined by the Finance Ministry.

The budget total of IL85.2m. would be maintained, according to the decision, and the amount cut back will serve to cover the price increases beyond those which had been anticipated in planning the budget.

The Defence budget total of IL32,330m. will also remain in force, the Cabinet resolved, but the Ministry of Defence Committee was charged with examining, within 10 days, the Finance Ministry's proposal for cutting IL750m. from it and transferring it to reserves for price increases in defence spending. The committee will submit its recommendations to the Cabinet.

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implication approves greater spending than the IL32,330m. already budgeted.

The Cabinet's decision to refer the cuts in children's allowances to a committee were somewhat clearer: it disapproved the Treasury's proposal to abolish the linkage of the allowance for the first two children, and the lowering of the linkage for other children to the Consumers Price Index. But it did agree that these social welfare benefits must be reduced by IL125m., and left to the committee the details of how this will be done.

Repercussions on the proposed cuts in Defence spending were quickly heard in the Knesset yesterday. It voted to committee a Likud motion by Prof. Moshe Arens, protesting against the Government's plan to cut the IL750m. from Defence. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, replying to the Likud motion, said it was impossible to cut budgets for social services any further. Defence, therefore, would have to absorb price increases in local currency expenditures, by cutting its budget five per cent.

He explained that above and beyond U.S. military aid, Israel was spending another \$1,100m. annually on defence purchases and this was the chief cause of the Government's shortage of money.

Prof. Arens said that Israel must tailor its defence budget to match the defence budgets of the Arab states in the region. It could not afford to limit itself to an annual outlay of \$3,300m., while the Arabs were spending \$10,000m.

Last year, Arens added, Israel spent only 15 per cent of its GNP on defence, in addition to loans it took. In fact, it could afford to spend as much as 30 per cent of its GNP. But the problem was the Treasury's motto of "How to cut budgets without tears."

Arens complained that the Defence Ministry was wasting money by not exploiting the skills available locally for its defence industries.

U.S. can't control situation

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — American officials are becoming increasingly concerned over what is feared here could develop into a Syrian "quagmire" in Lebanon.

Informed sources here said yesterday that invading Syrian troops have come under considerably more resistance than had been anticipated, and that Syria was taking heavy casualties. One informed official said that as many as 200 Syrians may already have been killed and that "tens" of Syrian tanks have been destroyed by leftist and Palestinian anti-tank missiles.

Washington is showing concern that it has been virtually unable to control events in Lebanon and unsuccessful in bringing its influence to bear.

Privately, American officials were telling newsmen that the Syrians might have miscalculated their ability to end the fighting quickly by moving in troops and Syrian-backed Palestinian Sa'eks and PLO irregulars. The Syrians are said to have hoped for a quick "surgical strike" in order to end the fighting between Moslems and Christians.

But the fighting has intensified with the Syrian attacks, including what one source here said were aerial bombing raids over leftist strongholds and Palestinian camps. There were no reliable reports here about casualties, but everyone agreed that they were considerable.

With President Ford deeply involved in election campaigning, and Secretary of State Kissinger and Under-Secretary of State Sisco out of town this week, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton has been in charge of the Lebanese situation in Washington. He has remained in close contact with the Israeli Embassy here.

Diplomatic sources said that the U.S. and Israel were worried about the developments in Lebanon, and were hopeful that some sort of cease-fire might be arranged. But no one here was overly optimistic that this could be worked out.

'Only moving around,' say Syrian PoWs

SIDON. — Two captured Syrian tank gunners said yesterday they were sent into this southern Lebanese city with orders only to "move around" on an apparent intimidation mission.

"We were moving around," said one in an interview arranged by the captors, the Lebanese Arab Army. "The tank was blown up but God in paradise allowed us to escape from the tank and we were unharmed."

The two — Hamad al-Ogla, 23, and Ali Sarakby, 26, both drafted without rank — belong to the 161st battalion of the 21st brigade of the Third Armoured Division, their captors said.

Neither expressed regret for his part in the Syrian attack on Sidon. "Our only opinion is that our commanders give orders, and we execute them," said al-Ogla. "They tell us to go and to fire, we go. They tell us to die, we do." (AP)

Israel's political battle at Habitat

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

VANCOUVER. — Yehuda Dekel, who came to the Habitat conference to contribute his experience in Israeli rural development, set in a push conference hall one night this week battling off a succession of anti-Israel resolutions being floated at a drafting committee by Arab and Cuban delegates. With a mixture of hastily learned protocol, persuasion and the hint of filibuster he managed to divert most of them.

"I'll never belittle a Foreign Ministry man again," said the normally ebullient Jewish Agency Settlement Department official as he stepped out into the street afterwards.

The Israeli experts who came to this UN conference expecting to participate in a professional exchange with foreign colleagues have found themselves instead exposed in the centre of a political battlefield. A score of Arab countries and their allies have been keeping

up a drumbeat of fire since the conference began and any allies Israel might have, remained out on the flanks this far.

For the non-diplomats who make up the majority of the delegation the encounter has been jarring. "You see how isolated you are and how thankful you are for any outside support," said one of the technicians.

After the initial shock, however, the inexperienced delegates acquitted themselves well. Guiding their efforts has been the one senior Israeli diplomat there, Mordechai Kidron, political adviser to the Foreign Minister. He has himself manned the breach in the most politically sensitive of the committees and met late into the night with other delegations in order to seek support.

Attempts by the Arabs and their supporters to inject thinly veiled anti-Israeli passages into the resolutions being drawn up by three

working committees have provided the most contentious and time-consuming issue of the conference thus far and have diverted much of the attention of the delegates and the 1,500-man press corps from the issues of human settlement the conference was supposed to discuss.

For the Arabs, who can muster an easy majority through the Third World Bloc, the dilemma is whether or not to exercise this power and thereby risk being accused of breaking up a humanitarian conference for political purposes.

As of yesterday morning, Western powers were still indicating that they would vote against an Iraqi resolution linking Zionism to racism. They also indicated that they would abstain from the rest of the declaration of principles which the conference is to issue if such a resolution was included.

Less certain of Western support, (Continued on page 2, col 5)

Complicating the crisis

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

An 11th hour attempt by the Arab League to intervene collectively in Lebanon appeared last night to be complicating the crisis there both domestically and internationally. As far as Jerusalem was concerned, there is intensified vigilance.

The Arab League's resolution to shed the Syrian expeditionary force in Lebanon by a joint Arab "peace-keeping" detachment was yesterday vigorously rejected by the Lebanese President Frangieh and his conservative supporters, mainly the Christians.

These elements regard the Syrians as rescuing their country from a takeover by the PLO-leftist alliance. Syria's own conception was that Lebanon should be preserved for the Lebanese — especially those who sympathize with Damascus — and not for the leftists who defy the Syrian Assad's Ba'athist wing.

President Assad, for the PLO whose chief, Yasser Arafat, was accused by the Syrians of seeking to rule that part of Lebanon meant as a "substitute for Palestine."

There seemed to be no surprise that in order to dislodge the Syrians from Lebanon, the PLO turned to the Arab League, while its ally, Kamal Jumblatt, the leftist chief, turned to France for "military intervention."

In addition to Moscow's ambitions in the region, it was probably France's appeal to France which made the Soviet Union warn against any interference by the Big Powers in

Lebanon. In what was described as an "authorized" statement, Tass said that the Russians were "no less interested" in Lebanon than other nations. The Soviets urged "all sides involved in the Lebanese events... should immediately hold the fire."

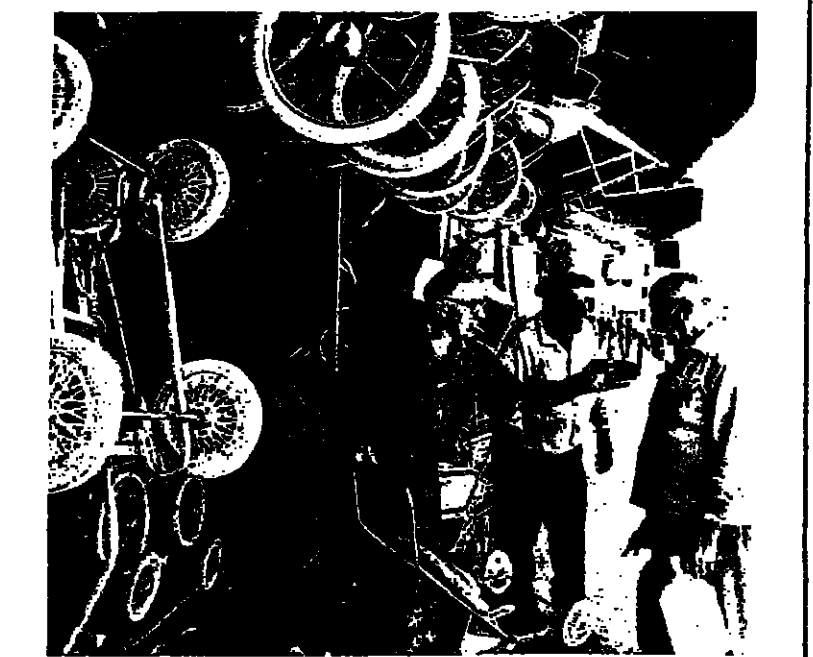
The statement went on to say that Syria had repeatedly said that its intention was to stop the bloodshed there. Nevertheless, notice should be called to the fact that bloodshed continues in Lebanon today and blood flows in ever greater streams.

The Soviet remarks were seen by observers as a warning to the Syrians against further military action against the PLO-leftist camp.

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Bargaining in the Jaffa Flea Market...

.... to which Martha Meisels provides a comprehensive guide.

Foreign correspondents and the Government: Augustine Zycher reports on the current conflict.

Youth pulls the strings: Aryeh Rubinstein on the change of emphasis in the N.R.P.'s platform.

The joys of gliding: Meir Ronnen recommends an airborne sport.

Explorer on the Temple Mount: a portrait of Charles Warren by Lesh Rabinowitz.

The weekend Dry Bones.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with probability of light rain.

Weather synopsis: Cold front in afternoon hours caused significant drop in temperature.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	26	19-33	18-27
Golan	26	20-31	18-26
Nahariya	26	20-31	18-26
Safed	26	21-30	18-25
Haifa	26	23-29	18-25
Tiberias	26	21-36	18-23
Nesher	26	19-31	16-23
Afula	26	18-38	17-23
Shomron	26	20-30	16-26
Tel Aviv	63	23-30	18-26
B-G Airport	31	18-34	17-28
Jericho	18	22-42	19-35
Gaza	76	20-39	18-28
Be'er Sheva	23	20-36	17-30
Dimona	23	26-42	23-37
Tiran	5	28-42	22-37

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

Nicaragua's new Ambassador, Humberto Arguello Tefel, yesterday presented his credentials to President Katzir.

Acting Knesset Speaker Moshe Shal yesterday received a delegation of Sephardi community leaders from Europe.

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin met yesterday with South African Ambassador Dr. Charles Fincham.

Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulin will be guest speaker today at the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club meeting at ZOIA House, 1.15 p.m.

Moshe Rabin, director of the Foreign Ministry's North American Division, will speak on "Israel-American Relations" at the Dan Carmel Hotel, at 8.30 tonight, under the auspices of the Israel-American Friendship Society.

The weekly lecture in Pirke Avot, Chapter Two (in English) will be given by Rabbi Morgenstern on Shabbat, June 12, 6 p.m. at Congregation Beit Yisrael, Rehov Pate Yotetz, Yemin Moshe.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service, marking the second anniversary of the passing of Ted R. Laurie, editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, was held yesterday at Har Hamenhot in Jerusalem. The family was joined at the service by his friends and colleagues.

ARRIVALS

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, from Norway.

'No Ackerman involved in Eichmann's capture'

No person by the name of Ackerman was involved in the Eichmann (capture) operation, nor was any such person mentioned in the book "The House on Garibaldi Street," its author, former Israel secret service chief Isser Harel, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. He was referring to a news agency report from Buenos Aires yesterday of the discovery of the bullet-riddled body of kidnapped hospital director Dr. Salvador Ackerman. UPI said there had been reports "based on the book" by Harel linking Ackerman with the Eichmann capture (in Buenos Aires).

Harel said that in his book he had refrained from naming any persons living, apart from himself.

Our heartfelt condolences to Claire, Gaby, Sharon and Dana Maliniak on the passing of

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Esther and Hezi Arkin and family

To Claire, Gaby, Sharon and Dana Maliniak We share your deep grief on the passing of your beloved

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Marico Shipping Ltd.
Employees and Management

We share the grief of Claire, Gaby, Sharon and Dana Maliniak on the death of your beloved

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Natanya and Menachem Rimmon and family

To Claire, Gaby, Sharon and Dana Maliniak We share your profound sorrow on the passing of your beloved

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Hana and Jacob Ben-Ari and family

Labour votes bar inquiry into mental institutions

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday struck off a Likud motion by Gideon Patt calling for a parliamentary commission of inquiry into Israel's institutions for chronic and mental patients.

Although the Alignment mustered a clear majority, three of its members, Havi Shimon, Ora Namir and Mathilda Ghez, declined ostentatiously to take part in the vote, to show their sympathy with Patt's motion.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov said it was wrong to generalize about the standards and conditions of the various homes in the country. Nobody started to death in these homes, the minister said, dismissing some of Gideon Patt's charges as "exaggerations."

Shemtov said all homes were visited by Government inspectors once or twice a month, so it was inaccurate to say they were unsupervised. The inspectors were few in number but highly skilled, and they did not miss out a single one of the 22 private homes in Israel, in their unannounced inspection visits.

Budget cuts had forced the ministry to reduce manpower at a time

when manpower needed to be greatly expanded. Even if the inspectors wished to transfer patients to better homes, and close down substandard ones, they could not do so, because no reserve accommodation was available.

Shemtov said that one of the homes described by Gideon Patt had been considerably improved in the past two months, and had come under new ownership.

The demand for a commission of inquiry was inspired by Patt's wish to seek sensationalism, Shemtov charged. Patt said that private and Government mental hospitals were greatly overcrowded, and some patients slept in beds only 20 cm. apart.

He said he had visited mental homes which were "a disgrace to their owners and to the nation." "At one institution he visited in the middle of the winter, he found patients hungry and half-dressed, without shoes, wandering around aimlessly. The supper menu included rotten vegetables, unsalted bread given out in hunks, and soup and tea in a central pot from which everyone served himself by dipping in his own utensils."

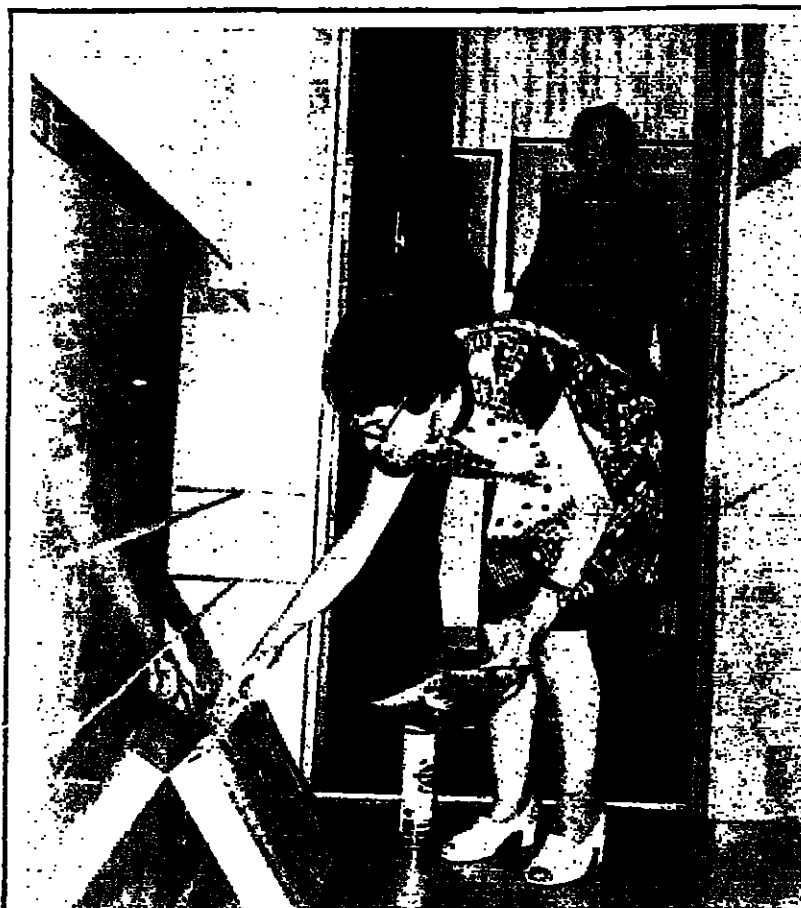
Patt said he found a similar situation in two other mental homes he visited as well as in some homes for chronically ill patients.

The homes for chronically ill were filthy, and the accommodations hopelessly dilapidated. The patients themselves were uncared for and no proper medical supervision existed.

His proposal for a commission of inquiry, he added, was not aimed at criticizing the Health Ministry, but at amassing information which would help it in its demands for bigger budgets and more manpower for institutions for the mentally and chronically ill.

Patt said the ministry employed only three inspectors, who were incapable of supervising the conditions of 4,000 patients.

He told *The Post* later that, as a result of his inquiries into the private mental homes and his statements in the Knesset Public Services Committee, he was now barred from visiting a number of private institutions. "At Gan Shimon, where I saw some of the most difficult conditions last winter, they have blocked the path to cars and the guard at the gate said the owner would not have me around any more," Patt said.



Minister of Religious Affairs Yitzhak Rabin looks on as he disposes of the last of several dozen mice which were deposited in front of their second-floor flat in Rehov Ahad Ha'am, Jerusalem, about 8 p.m. last night. The door and the wall of the stairwell had been plastered with protest notices signed by the Black Panthers, who had stood beneath Rabin's window on Monday night chanting, "If there's no quiet in Katamonim, there won't be quiet here." The moves were apparently retribution for a statement attributed to Rabin by TV's *Mabat* news programme on Monday night. He reportedly said Jerusalem's Katamonim quarters contained "parasites" who preferred welfare payments to working. The report was the subject of a personal squabble in the Knesset on Tuesday with Alignment MK Havi Shimon, who said Rabin's comments were derogatory to the Oriental community. The Minister said he was misquoted. (Rachamim Israel)

NEWS IN BRIEF

La'am meets at Kaddum

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The executive of La'am, a wing of the Likud, yesterday convened in Camp Kaddum in Samaria for a political debate.

Mapam had opposed this meeting, and Minister Victor Shemtov and Dov Zakai, MK, raised the matter in the Cabinet and the Knesset, respectively, arguing that political rallies are forbidden in military camps. But the Defence Ministry's spokesman, Naftali Lavie, said yesterday, "This is not a public rally with speakers. The (Gush Etzion) settlers are civilians living there, and they may invite whomever they choose."

The La'am executive has some 130 members.

Strike at 'Hatzofeh'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Seventy workers from all departments of the daily "Hatzofeh," published by the NRP and Hapoel Hamizrachi, yesterday held a three-hour strike at the offices of the NRP in Tel Aviv, in protest over the withholding of their April salaries. During the protest strike nobody was allowed to enter or leave the party's offices.

"Hatzofeh" has been published for the past week in a reduced format.

Children's drawings at Bat Yam museum

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BAT YAM. Some 3,000 drawings by children of 32 lands on the theme of peace and understanding will go on display today at the municipal museum here.

The art show was organized by the local Rotary Club as part of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Bat Yam's founding. The drawings will be on display for 10 days.

Swiss arrest Israeli with bogus dollars

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An Israeli printer was arrested in Switzerland this week with \$100,000, believed to be counterfeit, in his possession.

According to the Israeli police, Yitzhak Ploznik had been under investigation here. A request for his extradition will probably be made within a few days.

The investigation in Israel has so far uncovered large amounts of counterfeit money, primarily U.S. in 50- and 100-dollar denominations.

Americana for Bicentennial park

Jerusalem Post Reporter
MOSHAV BAR GIORA. — A log cabin like the one Lincoln called home, white picket fences and boulders engraved with Jefferson's sayings will be set down among one million newly planted trees here, to create the American Bicentennial National Park in Israel. Summer camps will be ready in time for the dedication on July 4. The rest of the park, to be financed by the JNF, will be completed by 1978.

Warehouse burns

TEL AVIV. — A chemicals warehouse in Rehov Herzl was razed by fire yesterday. The blaze is believed to be the work of an arsonist, and one suspect is being interrogated. (Him)

Nahf council head

In a run-off election at the Galilee village of Nahf on Tuesday, Sami Yehya Sirhan, 21, was elected head of the local council, the Interior Ministry announced yesterday. He won 656 votes.

ALLENBY BRIDGE over the Jordan River will be closed tomorrow and Saturday for repairs, the Judea-Samaria command has announced. It will reopen at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, June 13.

SEALS OF GOLD and precious stones from ancient Egypt are currently on display as part of the Israel Museum's "Exhibit of the Month" in Jerusalem. The display forms part of a collection of about 4,000 items, mostly of ancient Egyptian art, which will be on display for two months.

No more civil servants

Knesset Briefs

YEHEZKEL FLUMIN (Likud) this week demanded legislation to bar the Government from hiring any more civil servants for the next three years and accused the Treasury of carrying out numerous financial activities outside the purview of parliamentary control. Flumin spoke in the Finance Committee in the debate on the budget of the Finance Ministry for 1976/77.

JERUSALEM'S NATIONAL sports stadium will get a grant of IL20m. from the Betting Council, staggered over four or five budgetary years, the Finance Committee decided this week.

HAVIV SEIDMONI (Alignment) has urged in the Labour Committee that 15,000 rental apartments be constructed to rehouse slum dwellers living in overcrowded conditions of three persons or more per room. He said the Government's existing "three-phase" rehousing scheme had only attracted one-seventh of these disadvantaged families over the past three years due to the cost involved.

NUZHAT KATZAV (Alignment), who devotes much of her public meetings time to consumerism, urged the Attorney-General to consider legislation to limit the negotiability of promissory notes in retail trading.

Mekorot man jailed for bribery, fraud

HAIFA. — A former Mekorot official was sentenced by the District Court to six months in prison with an additional suspended sentence of 18 months and a IL10,000 fine. The accused, Dov Chechis, 52, had been convicted of bribery, receiving goods under fraudulent pretences and giving false information to the corporation registry.

A construction foreman in Sinal in 1972, Chechis was charged with receiving IL3,300 in bribes from a subcontractor who had built a cinema at Refidim. An additional charge against him was the false issuance of contractors' expenses.

The court, however, refused to rule on the bulk of the bribery charge, holding Chechis responsible only for IL1,000 of the amount.

The defendant, according to his attorney, had served as aide to Ahuf Moshe Carmel in the War of Liberation and was later a battalion commander in the IDF. (Him)

Shark victim to get IL320,000 damages

BEERSHEBA. — The Government of Israel and the City of Eilat will pay IL320,000 in damages to a German student who was attacked by a shark off Eilat in September 1974.

The student, Beatrice Aaronowitz, sued for IL800,000 in Beersheba District Court a year ago, noting she had suffered 70 per cent permanent disability. She said the City of Eilat had been negligent in failing to post notices warning of the danger of man-eating fish in local waters.

The defendants said they would pay the damages out of a desire to help, but not in recognition of their responsibility for the accident. They will also pay IL50,000 in court costs. (Him)

HABITAT

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however, are other Arab amendments aimed specifically at Israel such as condemnation of settlements established "in territories occupied by force" and references to "the expulsion of people from their national homeland."

If these are included while the Iraqi resolution is excluded, then Israel might be the only country to vote against the declaration of principles at the conference's final session on Friday.

Frantic negotiations occupied Habitat yesterday as delegates from 134 nations sought ways to deal with resolutions from politically polarized and economically distressed countries. Delegates need to find compromises within a declaration of principles — an outline of policies considered best-suited by the conference to deal with nearly overwhelming problems of urban growth.

Talmi agreed with the Government that a small Palestinian state between the Mediterranean and the desert would probably be controlled by the PLO, and would not bring peace to the area. But at the same time he argued Israel would have to respect the Jordanian and Palestinian wishes.

The secretary-general said settlement across the pre-Six Day War borders resulted in widespread condemnation of Israel's policy and aims. He especially singled out Gush Etzion's bid to settle in the heart of Samaria. The secretary-general said settlement should be concentrated in Galilee and near Jerusalem, rather than in many scattered areas.

Turning to the problem of Israeli Arabs, he said their standard of living had risen rapidly, but "they are more sensitive to discrimination." Farmers whose lands are expropriated should be compensated in kind, he said. Echoing Arab grievances, he added "the main thing is: development should serve all inhabitants of the region."

Talmi also called for a just sharing of the economic burden and complained the income tax reform was not being implemented with regard to the well-to-do. He called for an emergency economy.

Earlier Histaadrot Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi called on Mapam to stay in the Alignment.

Talmi said the convention would "carefully weigh" the pros and cons. (Leader, page 8)

Labour Party votes Oct. 25

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party is to hold elections for its national convention on October 25, with the convention to be held in the second half of December, Meir Zarmi, secretary-general of the party, announced yesterday.

At a meeting of branch secretaries, attended by several Cabinet ministers as well as party representatives on the Histaadrot Central Committee, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned against the "Arab-like propensity for internal squabbling." The nation could be proud of the fact that so soon after the Yom Kippur War it regained its defensive power, and that no mass unemployment followed the periodic hostilities. Such a record was "unprecedented anywhere" and should not be denigrated.

Ben-Gurion memorial bill approved on first reading

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Three institutions will mark the memory of Israel's first Prime Minister, the late David Ben-Gurion, under a special bill which received general assent on its first reading yesterday in the Knesset.

Education Minister Aharon Yadin said that the bill would cover Ben-Gurion's home on Ben-Gurion (formerly Keren Kayemet) Boulevard in Tel Aviv, the Institute for the Legacy of Ben-Gurion at Kibbutz Sde Boker in the Negev, and the Desert Research Institute there.

The house in Tel Aviv, which Ben-Gurion bequeathed to the nation, would serve as a museum and a centre for research and publications. The Institute for the Legacy would include the prefabricated wooden hut he lived in, his library and his archives, and would also be used for study, research and documentation. The Desert Research Institute would be part of the Negev university in Beersheba, which also bears Ben-Gurion's name.

The budgets of the three institutions would be covered by the State, and the archive material would be transferred to the State's possession in 20 years' time, but would become subject to the supervision of the State Archivist forthwith, the minister said.

The bill provides for the day of Ben-Gurion's death, the sixth of Kislev, to be a national memorial day in State institutions and schools, and a prize would be awarded annually for activities in a field close to that of the late Premier. The graveyard in Sde Boker would become a State site maintained at public expense.

The chamber was almost full when the Education Minister introduced the bill, and as many Likud MKs were present as MKs from Labour. Premier Yitzhak Rabin and more than half of the Cabinet were present. Ben-Gurion's family and several of his close colleagues were in the VIP gallery, as well as representatives of Ben-Gurion University.

(Members of the Ben-Gurion family later called on Acting Knesset Speaker Moshe Shal.)
Yadin said that Ben-Gurion would win a place of honour in the pantheon of Jewish history, alongside Moses, Joshua, Shmuel, David, Abraham, Montefiore, Herzl and others. "A great and distinguished personality makes small nations into great ones. This is what Ben-Gurion did for us," Yadin said.

The session set up two working groups: one to develop a standard procedure for analysing and evaluating investment opportunities, the other to review the Government's incentive and promotion programmes for investors from abroad. The American members of the Council are to convene workshops in the U.S. to discuss investment opportunities with sectors of the business community that could find interest in them. The Joint Executive of the Council will meet in Israel early next year.

The current session, whose formal deliberation ended yesterday, was attended by 28 leading Israeli industrialists and 20 Americans. The American group issued a policy statement last night condemning the Arab boycott, which it described as "an artificial impediment and contrary to America's traditional policy of free trade."

(Leader, back page)

Romney: U.S. should exploit Israel's tariff exemptions

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Israel has tariff-free access to the world's two biggest markets, the U.S. and the EEC. This offers an attractive opportunity to the American investor, Governor George Romney, chairman of the Israel-U.S. Business Council, told the press in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mark Mosevics, his co-chairman (heading the Israel group), added that American businessmen export \$7,000m. of goods a year to the Common Market, paying duties. "They could produce some of this in Israel and avoid the tariff barrier," he said.

One of the Council's recommendations is that Israel should retain a reputable American consulting firm (such as Arthur D. Little, or Mackenzie and Co., or the Boston Consulting Group) to analyse investment opportunities and make the kind of report that American industrialists would consider objec-

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Knesset c'ttee backs farmers on air cargo

By ASHER WALLFISH
and ZOEY SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Knesset Economics Committee yesterday, by the votes of Likud alone, backed the Minister of Agriculture against the Minister of Transport in the fight to establish an air cargo firm to export farm produce.

The Labour men on the Economics Committee, Amos Hadar and Abraham Silberberg, who are both farmers, did not take part in the vote. They are believed privately to agree with most of the Likud's arguments against El Al's monopoly on air cargo.

The committee decided that the shares in the air cargo firm would be divided equally (49 per cent each) between El Al and Agrexco, the export corporation, plus another one per cent to the Transport Ministry and one per cent to the Agriculture Ministry. This decision went counter to the Transport Minister's demand that El Al have the biggest share.

The committee gives the new company exclusivity in the transport of charter air cargo, excluding defence shipments and trans-Atlantic freight.

El Al is to have the option of "first refusal" in leasing its own equipment to the new company, provided it can do so at competitive rates.

If the Government fails to decide within one week, the committee said, it will propose the creation of an entirely new, privately owned airline for farm exports.

The Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party men on the committee stayed away from the vote, but are known to agree with the Likud.

Pessah Grupper (Likud) told The Post later that the farmers would organize massive demonstrations if what he called "El Al's sabotage and strangulation" were not eliminated.

The Knesset committee's recommendation departs from the initial plan on two crucial issues. First, it gives the Minister of Agriculture a share (instead of the Minister of Finance). Second, it omits any specific reference to the types of cargo to which the new company will be limited. The new charter freight company will therefore be in direct competition with El Al — and, lacking its overhead, will probably be able to make serious inroads into its air freight business.

Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan yesterday threatened to resign if the Government does not authorize the establishment of the air freight company at its next session. He was addressing an emergency meeting of Negev farmers at the Merhavim regional Council.



The mother python poses with her wriggling offspring. (Uzi Keren)

Python population boom

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thirteen lively baby pythons came into the world here last week — a rare occurrence in captivity.

The event took place at the colourful seaside hut of animal trainer Tommy Dishaoli, who keeps various furred and feathered creatures in his yard.

Their five-metre-long mother, who weighs 70 kilograms, had laid 13

eggs fertilized by the four-metre-long father. In front of the cameras of Tel Aviv University zoologists, all the eggs hatched and 70-centimetre-long smooth-skinned snakes emerged.

The offspring will probably be shipped off to the Tel Aviv University zoological garden or to the Tel Aviv Zoo. They have already devoured too many mice, rabbits and chickens to make their upkeep profitable for their owner.

MK proposes reform in House institutions

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Anting Knesset Speaker Moshe Shalal yesterday proposed a drastic reform in the two parliamentary institutions of question time and urgent motions for the agenda, which he believes will brighten the images of the Government and the Knesset.

Shalal told parliamentary correspondents his idea was to abolish the institution of urgent motions for the agenda entirely, and instead to get Cabinet ministers to respond to topical issues through a new institution of "urgent parliamentary questions."

He said he would first ask Premier Yitzhak Rabin, possibly next week, to give his blessings to the proposed reform, since it would oblige the entire Cabinet to turn up in the House together, one hour each week, for question time.

Each Knesset member would be allowed five urgent questions a year which would not require the prior approval of his faction. He would have to table his urgent question 24 hours ahead of time, written out to a prescribed length, and would

then read it out before the minister replied.

(The institution of regular questions, submitted in writing, with 21 days for the minister to reply, would be maintained, Shalal suggests, and so likewise the institution of regular motions for the agenda.)

Shalal said his reform would do much good to the image of the Government and the Knesset and strengthen their links.

SOCCER PREVIEW

PAUL KOHN

The last kicks will decide

TEL AVIV. — Only the last kicks of the league football season on Saturday will decide who will be champions and who will be relegated from the National League. The same applies in both the southern and northern divisions of League A.

Seven needle games will be controlled by referees from Austria, Switzerland and Holland.

Four teams will drop from the National League to next season's new Liga-Arbit (2nd division), and three of these — Ramat Amidar, Be'er Yehuda and Hadera Hapoel — have been doomed for several weeks. Seven clubs will be struggling to avoid finishing in 15th place. The end to the season underlines the impression that there is very little in it between all the teams of National League, with the exception of Beersheba Hapoel and Jerusalem Betar.

Beersheba Hapoel are the defending champions, and the outstanding team of the season have been Jeru-

salem Betar at their best. The game between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Jerusalem Betar at the Bloomfield Stadium is certain to draw an overflow crowd, especially as the Jerusalem 11 still hold an outside chance of taking the title from Beersheba.

The midfield combination of Uri Makhlif, Danny Neuman and Victor Levy have been the revelation of the season. If only Betar had a couple of sharpshooters of the same calibre, there would not be a team in the country to hold them. But Shlomo Djabl, as leader of the attack, has been missing too many scoring chances.

Tel Aviv Maccabi have not had the ball rolling for them in recent games, and against the run of play lost 1-2 to Tel Aviv Hapoel at the same ground last week. But the tougher the opposition, the better Maccabi play and on home ground they may hold on to a point against the ambitious Betar. Petah Tikva Hapoel have a tough fixture away at Kfar Sava, and though in 11th position now, are in serious danger.

The top team in each of the southern and northern division of League A will play National League football next season. Acra Hapoel are one point ahead of Netanya Betar and Yehud Hapoel hold a one point advantage over Holon Hapoel, but a slip-up by either of the leaders may well cost them their National League places. Yehud Hapoel may not beat Rishon LeZion Hapoel in an away game, while Holon Hapoel look likely winners in Dimona. Also Netanya Betar looks good for two points in Nahariya. Acra Hapoel play in Nahariya. The game will be a preview of the State cup final week-day later, and even if Betar do not win the league championship this year, they stand an even chance of taking the cup.

Beersheba Hapoel on paper appear to have an easier task than Betar for winning points this week. They have Jaffa Maccabi as visitors, but for Jaffa this game will be a life-and-death struggle against relegation. Jaffa Maccabi have a one point advantage over Ramat Gan Hakoah at the start of Saturday's games. The Jaffa side beat Haifa Hapoel 1-0 last week and are in fighting mood and could pull off an upset.

The other teams involved in the crucial games to avoid 15th place all play away games. In Kiryat Haim, Haifa Hapoel plays a derby against Haifa Maccabi.

Reports this week said the Hapoel players threatened that they would not try too hard against Maccabi if they were not awarded a summer trip to Europe. The Haifa Labour Council, which sponsors Hapoel, pleaded poverty because of debts running into tens of millions of pounds and hinted it was hardly in a position to finance bonus trips to Europe.

Haifa Hapoel at their best could be fancied to beat Maccabi, but with so much at stake for Haifa Maccabi, they should be able to save a point and themselves from the drop.

Hakoah play in Hadera, where the home side has nothing to win or lose from this game. But Hadera Hapoel have never been an easy team to beat on their home ground. Petah Tikva Maccabi play at the Hativra Quarter against Be'er Yehuda and should salvage at least one point.

Tel Aviv Hapoel travel to the Katamon ground in Jerusalem. Their win over Tel Aviv Maccabi should give their confidence a real boost, especially as the Jerusalem opposition fopped badly in Beersheba (0-4) last Saturday. Another draw result would surprise no one.

Nearly 200 persons got all 13 games on last week's Sportoto football correct, each winning IL5,800. Twelve results right will be worth only IL80, and 11 results will get cheques for IL10. There will be no pay-out for 10 results.

Minimum prize money this week will be IL15m, including IL600,000 as first prize.

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Buses running out of fuel as Egged cheques bounce

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged buses will grind to a halt tomorrow unless the cooperative gets money to pay its fuel suppliers, its spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The cooperative owes fuel suppliers approximately IL4m. In addition to millions of pounds it owes to suppliers of other equipment. Egged this week stopped issuing cheques, after those already issued bounced because of insufficient funds.

Spokesman Gideon Talmor further claimed that the cooperative was

losing IL230,000 a day because of the Transport Ministry order to carry soldiers free.

Meetings between Egged officials and Yeruham Meshel, the Histadrut Secretary-General, are scheduled for today.

A Transport Ministry official yesterday reiterated that if the cooperative wanted to obtain the IL200m loan authorized by the Government, it would have to deduct IL300 per month from members' salaries.

Following the ministry's order to carry soldiers free, Egged reneged on its agreement to deduct the IL300.

Aid to political parties saves democracy—Begin

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Likud leader Menachem Begin, MK, yesterday defended state aid to political parties, because they are "the life-blood of democracy."

Addressing Technion students, he argued that cancelling aid to the parties would not amount to a substantial saving for the Treasury. He also defended the present electoral system as just and said it prevents a situation in which a minority could control the government, as in Britain.

As for the Herut movement's list of candidates for the next Knesset elections, Begin said for the first time the Herut central body of 400 delegates would elect them, instead of the Appointments Committee (as in the past). If Likud achieved a majority, it would invite all Zionist parties to form a national unity government, he said.

The Likud leader warned that emigration had become a serious problem, with the number of emigrants almost equal to that of immigrants. By now some 300,000 Israelis were scattered throughout the world. Included among them were 30,000 to 50,000 soldiers, or three to four divisions. He considered this "a blood-letting in the full sense of the word — and in view of the pace of Arab rearmament, not to be dismissed lightly."

The Likud has proposed to the Government an all-party parliamentary inquiry into emigration.

Begin also criticized budget cuts for the Defence Ministry. Such cuts had occurred almost annually and reached a peak last year where it affected even front-line units and flying time for Air Force pilots. Another cut he regarded as detrimental was that of IL125m. in aid to underprivileged children.

Lebanese get medical aid on both sides of border

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Four more injured Lebanese were yesterday brought to government hospitals in the North from the border area near Metulla.

All four, one of them hobbling on crutches, approached the security fence and asked for medical treatment. After being examined on the spot by army doctors, they were transferred to hospitals.

Other Lebanese villagers continue to request medical assistance and are receiving medicines through the security fence. Several Lebanese women have given birth in Israeli hospitals during the past few days. The northern frontier was generally quiet yesterday. However, vil-

lagers told Israelis that total disorder still reigns in southern Lebanon.

Observers in the North said they thought the Syrians were having difficulty in taking over Lebanese towns and villages. The Syrians apparently wish to avoid becoming involved in street fighting.

Maronites in northern Israel told journalists that relatives in Lebanon had written to them describing atrocities committed by warring factions in the Maronite villages around Beirut. They said numerous Lebanese Maronites intend asking Israel to admit them into the country to join their families here.

No response to strike call

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A much-publicized call for a general business strike in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in protest against Syria's military intervention in Lebanon, went unheeded by local residents yesterday. The local press had published the call, made originally by the Palestine Liberation Organization and its supporters.

A few shops in Nablus made a feeble effort to get the "general

business strike" going, but gave up after a short time. Security forces there dispersed groups of teenagers who staged demonstrations and tried to coerce shopkeepers into closing their stores. The teenagers had set fire to a car and had stoned a passing Israeli vehicle.

Protesting Syrians actions in Lebanon, residents of Telkarm yesterday demanded from Mayor Hani Ba-noun that the name of the Hafes Assad school in town be changed.

Fined for petrol fraud

TEL AVIV. — The petrol station Yashmonaim, at 10 Rehov Caribach, and its manager, Asher Gorf, were yesterday found guilty of selling lower-grade petrol from pumps marked 94 octane. The station was fined IL10,000 and the manager, IL7,500.

Counsel for the defence, Moshe Indiger, argued that the responsibility for the incident should be placed with the company that delivered the fuel, as it was found that the tanker was unsealed and the delivery documents were incomplete.

The judge declared that a police investigation should be initiated in the matter, but nevertheless the manager was guilty as he had not checked whether the delivery tanker was sealed.

DAVID KRAUS, Jerusalem police commander, was yesterday promoted from nitza-v-mishne to tak-nitzav. Kraus, 47, has served with the police for the past 26 years.

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Getty leaves bulk of cash to museum

LOS ANGELES. — The will of the billionaire oilman J. Paul Getty, directing that he be buried in a "small marble mausoleum" and leaving most of \$850m. to the J. Paul Getty Art Museum in Los Angeles District Court. The will divides the rest of the sum among his four sons and other relatives and friends.

Explaining the \$850m. figure, a spokesman for the executors said yesterday that Getty had a great deal of property tied up in trusts. (Shortly before Getty's death in London on Saturday, his wealth was put at between \$2,000m. and \$4,000m., making him one of the richest men in the world.)

The will specified that control of the estate was not to pass into the hands of Getty's grandson, Paul Getty III, 19. The youth was kidnapped in Rome in 1973 and had an ear lopped off by his kidnappers. His grandfather eventually had to pay \$2.7 million to ransom him.

Unlike the estate of fellow billionaire Howard Hughes, currently entangled with the filing of at least 20 alleged wills, the disposition of Getty's assets was clearly set down in the document.

It contained bequests for Getty's four surviving sons, a number of friends and employees.

The largest specific dollar bequest to an individual—a lifetime \$35,000 a year—was to Getty's fifth and last wife, Louise Lynch Getty. They were divorced in 1958.

Getty's will also left varying amounts of stock to eight female friends and directed that annuities be set up for some of them. Similar annuities were left for members of his household staff and key business associates.

The remainder of the estate, along with the 65-acre ranch was bequeathed to the J. Paul Getty Museum, a wonder of Roman-style architecture and art treasures from throughout the world that was completed several years ago at a cost of \$200 million.

Until Getty's will was filed for probate, it was thought a California law against intestate inheritance would prevent his burial on his Malibu ranch.

But the will provides for a cemetery corporation to be set up for a one-acre section of the ranch, on which "a suitable small, white mausoleum" will be built for him and his descendants. (UPI, Reuters)

A glance at the world

Akihito in Jordan

AMMAN. — Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko arrived here yesterday on a four-day state visit. They were met at Amman airport by their hosts, King Hussein and Queen Abla of Jordan.

Akihito and his wife were scheduled to attend a banquet as guests of Hussein later last night. They are returning visits to Jordan made earlier this year by both Hussein and his brother, Crown Prince Hassan.

Jordan is trying to strengthen economic ties with Japan, according to yesterday's Amman newspapers. (AP)

Hays to run again

NEW YORK. — U.S. Congressman Wayne Hays of Ohio won his bid for the Democratic nomination for a 15th term in Congress with ease on Tuesday, despite the sex scandal that has enveloped him in recent weeks. He defeated his Democratic primary opponent, Nick Karlick, by almost a 2-1 margin.

The scandal arose when Elizabeth Ray, a former Congressional employee, claimed Hays put her on the public payroll to provide him sex. Hays admits having had a personal relationship with the 33-year-old blonde, but denies that she was paid merely to be his mistress. (AP)

Embassy bombed

WASHINGTON. — A bomb exploded outside the Yugoslav Embassy here yesterday, injuring two employees and causing moderate damage. It was the third such attack against a Yugoslav facility in the U.S. within the past year.

Police said there were no suspects in the bombing, which blew out windows and damaged a side wall. In previous bombings, Croatian nationalists had been suspected, but no one was arrested.

An anonymous caller claimed later yesterday the bombing was a protest against treatment of Greek minorities in Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. (AP, UPI)



SYBIL THORNDIKE

Dame Sybil dead

LONDON. — Dame Sybil Thorneike, the grand old lady of the British stage whose career spanned 72 years, died at her London home yesterday after a heart attack. She was 93.

Her first role came in 1904 with a walk-on part in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Her final stage appearance was last April 16, when she attended the closing night of the National Theatre's stay at the Old Vic, where she played for years before World War I.

Her most famous role came in 1924 in George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan."

She married Lewis Casson in 1908, and their marriage lasted until his death seven years ago, also at the age of 93. (AP)



Cuban soldiers and their Eastern European advisers seen relaxing on a beach near Angola's capital of Luanda recently. Thirteen Western European mercenaries who fought against them on the losing side in the recently-ended Angolan civil war are due to go on trial tomorrow for alleged war crimes. (UPI radiophoto)

119 U.S. banks reported observing Arab boycott

WASHINGTON. — U.S. banks are complying in their banking transactions with thousands of specific Arab requests to observe the Arab boycott against Israel, a House of Representatives panel was told on Tuesday.

Rauner Meyer, director of the Commerce Department's Bureau of East-West Trade, said that in the four months ending last March 31, 119 banks reported complying with 4,476 Arab requests.

The bankers' actions are legal; the sole federal requirement is that they report them to the Commerce Department. Meyer said a half-dozen banks had been fined \$1,500 each for failure to report their boycott-related transactions promptly.

Earlier, the government operations subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs had probed the actions of corporations regarding Arab boycott requests. Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal had said he intended to push a bill making economic boycott compliance by any U.S. firms illegal.

Two witnesses, Edwin E. Batch Jr., vice president of Chemical Bank of New York, and Boris S. Berkovich Sr., vice president of Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., of New York, both said they thought a law as proposed by Rosenthal would seriously disrupt Middle East trade.

Simon said the Arabs are considering exempting from their boycott list any firms which make a significant economic contribution to them as to Israel. He said a prominent U.S. business leader has informed him he has successfully concluded a commercial contract with an Arab country even though he maintains extensive ties with Israel. (AP)

Vets take Liberty

NEW YORK. — A small band of Vietnam War veterans on Tuesday seized the Statue of Liberty to protest the loss of government education benefits for former soldiers.

About 15 members of the "Vietnam Veterans Against the War" group refused to leave the Statue at closing time. Instead, they ordered about 10 employees out and barricaded themselves inside.

No hostages were taken and Louis Garcia, the National Park Service's manager of the Statue, called the occupation peaceful.

On June 1, the government education benefits expired for veterans who served between January 31, 1955 and June 1, 1966. When the cutoff came, 480,000 veterans were still using the benefits.

On December 27, 1971, 16 members of the same organization occupied the monument to protest the continuation of the Vietnam War. (AP)

Spain's parliament legalizes parties

MADRID. — The Cortes (parliament) yesterday legalized political parties in Spain for the first time in 40 years, despite opposition from right-wing leaders. The 338-91 vote was seen as a major step toward the democratic reform promised by King Juan Carlos when he took the throne after General Francisco Franco died last year.

The vote on a bill granting the right of political association paves the way for general elections early next year. Later yesterday the Cortes was scheduled to debate and vote on a second bill changing the penal code and eliminating provisions banning political association.

About 20 members of the ultra-Rightist Falange party walked out of parliament late Tuesday during debate on the measure. Those opposing the law included outspoken Right-wing leaders Jose Antonio Giron and Blas Pinar.

Former economics czar Laureano Lopez Rodo warned the Cortes during the debate that political reform may collapse unless something is done to get the country out of its economic crisis.

The government has also proposed reform of the nation's penal code, particularly the portions allowing jail sentences for "illegal political associations."

Most of the estimated 400 political prisoners in Spain were jailed under that law.

The parliament passed another political reform two weeks ago permitting political demonstrations for the first time since Franco won the civil war in 1939.

Meanwhile, opposition sources said yesterday that the U.S. embassy has let the government and leaders of moderate opposition parties know that it favors a ban on the Communist Party until democracy has taken root in Spain.

An embassy spokesman said he could not comment on the reports, but did not deny them.

The opposition sources said non-Communist opposition leaders have been seeing embassy officials with increasing frequency.

"The embassy fully backs the step-by-step democratization of Spain," one opposition spokesman said.

But at the same time, the embassy like members of King Juan Carlos's government — feel that the Communists should remain banned until the other political parties have done their grassroots recruiting and set up an efficient party machine.

As in neighboring Portugal, the Communists in Spain were the best-organized underground political party when decades of dictatorship came to an end. The number of militants is estimated at between 30,000 and 50,000. (AP, UPI)

Nato may scrap planned flying radar stations

BRUSSELS. — North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) members were yesterday reported losing interest in the alliance's most ambitious joint project — a fleet of flying radar stations over Western Europe — because of the big cost involved.

Informal sources at a meeting of defense ministers of Nato's "Euro-group" — composed of all European member states except France, Portugal and Iceland — said that only Britain and West Germany appeared interested in continuing with the U.S. sponsored project.

The sources said the main obstacle was money. Depending on the number of planes bought, the allies would have to pay up to \$5,000m. over the next 20 years to buy and maintain the system.

The only plane now under consideration is a hump-backed American Boeing 707 filled with the most modern electronic equipment the U.S. can produce.

However, the British are continuing research on their own admittedly less sophisticated plane, the Nimrod, which could eventually be used in the early-warning role. The U.S. has proposed that Nato buy 32 of the Boeing planes for \$2,200m. But sources said this figure would be more than doubled over the years in maintenance costs. (Reuters)

Red base grows in South Thailand

By SUBIN RUANGBEY

BETONG, Thailand. — Without suffering a single casualty, Communist insurgents have won one of their sharpest victories of the post-Indochina war period. The losers are Malaysia and Thailand.

This assessment by some officials and Western diplomats follows the withdrawal on Sunday from Betong in southernmost Thailand of a Malaysian field force that had fought some 3,000 tough Malaysian Communist insurgents in the jungles along the Thai-Malaysian border.

The withdrawal order came from Bangkok, but officials here say it was cleverly engineered by Communist agitators who in effect control Betong — known to some as "the Peking of Thailand" — and the district's 35,000 inhabitants.

Malaysian home minister Ghazali Shafie has already expressed fear that if Thailand falls effectively to all the vacuum left by the departing 400-man unit, the Communists will completely dominate the area and threaten Malaysia from a "safe base."

Given Thailand's hitherto live-and-let-live attitude toward the insurgents, who are mainly aimed against Malaysia, the latter's fears appear well-founded. Western analysts say that without doubt it was Malaysia which provided the effective half of the anti-Communist team in the rough border region.

The analysts also say that the Malaysian-Thai controversy — which has rapidly soured normally friendly relations between the two countries — bodes ill for the Association of Southeast Asian nations (ASEAN). The five-member regional grouping hopes to ward off the dangers of internal and possibly external Communist aggression through political and economic cooperation.

"It's a case in point of the problems ASEAN is going to face," says one diplomatic source in Bangkok. "Here are some hostile elements sandwiched in between two friendly countries and parochial interests — chiefly Thai — stand in the way of eliminating them."

(Besides Malaysia and Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore are members of the Association.)

A Malaysian bombing last month, reportedly directed against insurgent positions near Betong, and charges that the Malaysian troops were extorting money and robbing local people led to demonstrations by Betong residents demanding the withdrawal of the Malaysian forces.

The Thai government, apparently bowing to the pressure, ordered the Malaysian troop withdrawal and scrapped a 12-year-old joint border security treaty.

Malaysia denied the criminal allegations and said the demonstrations were Communist-inspired. From interviews here it appears as if the Malaysian charges of a Communist ruse are in fact correct.

Further complicating the border issue is the large-scale smuggling of goods across the border which official sources here say both some local Thai and Malaysian military and civilian authorities were heavily engaged in. This includes a thriving illegal arms traffic, which reportedly often flows into insurgent camps in the jungles. (AP)

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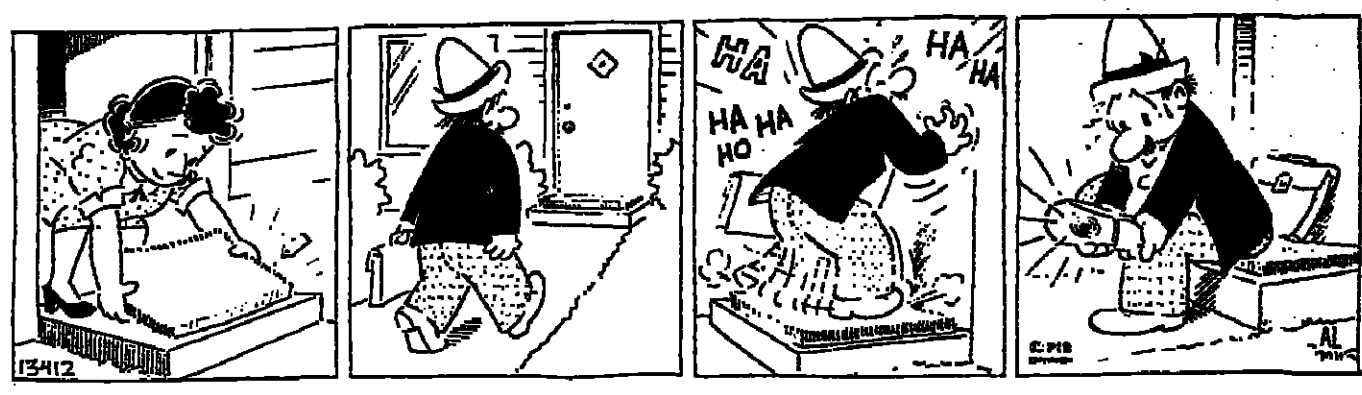
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TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 08.40 English & 09.05 Geometry 5, 9.25 Nature 8, 10.10 History, 10.45 For kindergartners, 11.25 Nature/physics 7, 12.00 Art, 12.40 Math 7, 13.05 French, 13.25 Technical drawing 9, 15.30 Improve Your Hebrew, 16.00 Art corner, 16.20 English 8, 16.30 Film on ecology, 17.00 Youth magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:

17.30 Telepele
17.50 Cartoon
18.00 News cartoons

ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:

18.30 News roundup
18.32 We Choose You! Programme including selections from films, songs and dances

18.45 I have a Question: A panel answers questions from the audience on theatre and education

19.50 News
20.00 News

RENEW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with The Match of the Week 20.00 Programme trailer

21.00 Match newscast
21.00 News

22.00 Behind the Headlines: Weekly magazine, including interviews with personalities in the news, and discussion and comparison of news coverage in different media — Moderated by Yaron London

22.50 Thriller — Jason King: Uncanny Lies the Head. With Peter Wyngarde, Juliet Harber, Alfred Trim

23.00 News
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THURSDAY

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DEPARTURES: Sterling 506 to Athens and Copenhagen 0815; TWA 806 to Athens, Rome, Paris and Chicago 0830; El Al 563 to Teheran, 0900; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0930; Swissair 333 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 547 to Zurich, 0710; Sabena 202 to Brussels, 0730; El Al 501 to N.Y., 0800; 353 to 326 to Amsterdam, 0810; Air France 183 to Paris, 0820; El Al 515 to London, 0900; TWA 801 to Paris and N.Y., 0910; El Al 023 to Paris and N.Y., 0920; B.A. 485 to London, 0930; Air France 121 to Nice and Paris, 0930; El Al 367 to Frankfurt 1000; El Al 577 to Copenhagen, 1100; Austrian 121 to Vienna, 1440; Lufthansa 633 to Munich and Frankfurt, THY 823 to Istanbul, 1630; Cyprus 303 to Larnaca, 1800.

REGULAR DAILY BROADCASTS

First Programme

10.15-10.35: 11.15-11.35 Programmes for Schools.

11.35 Music programme announcement.

14.10 Stories for children.

15.55 Notes on agriculture.

21.00 A moment for Hebrew grammar.

00.10 A moment of poetry.

Second Programme

6.00 Prayer and Mishna reading.

6.10 Gymnastics.

6.50 Programme announcements.

6.55 A moment for Hebrew grammar.

7.25 Popular tunes (until 10.00).

7.55 Driving tips.

10.05 Here at Home — songs, interviews on topics assumed to be of interest to women.

12.05 Productive Pace — for workers and employers.

12.30 Hebrew songs and comedy skits.

15.25 In Jews and Judaism.

16.40 Today's Violent News.

21.05 A Point of Hebrew Grammar.

5.03 Popular music (until 6.00).

5.58 Prayer.

6.55 Gymnastics.

7.05 Songs and messages from soldiers (until 10.00).

10.05 Popular music (until 12.00).

01.50 Bedtime Story.

FIFTH PROGRAMME

Light music from 1.05 p.m. to 5 p.m., daily, with an interruption for the news.

Mapam's dilemma

MAPAM'S SEVENTH national convention, which opened in Tel Aviv last night, seems by all available signs to have agreed to sidestep the major issue which divides it: whether to continue its eight-year long experiment as junior partner in the Labour Alignment, or whether to strike out again by itself, reestablishing its own identity as Israel's traditional party of the Left.

The recommendation of the party's political committee to prepare for a return to single bliss while postponing the actual divorce from Labour until after that party's national convention tentatively scheduled for December, is but an expression of the dilemma confronting Mapam. How can a small party influence the course of policy-making and enjoy a share of political spoils while maintaining its ideological clarity and youth movement élan?

Mapam's decision to join the Labour Party in establishing the Alignment in 1968 was the decision of a somewhat despairing and aging leadership to come in from the political cold, where Ben-Gurion's suspicion had pushed them for the State's first 15 years. The Alignment, under the leadership of Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir, seemed to be a tantalizing offer which the majority of the Mapam leadership could not turn down. But eight years later even the pragmatic supporters of the Alignment within the Mapam leadership admit that, at best, their party has been effective only in preventing Labour from going off on certain policy tracks but not in adopting policies desirable to the Left.

Opponents of the link say it has left the party open to accusations from the even-further Left and from its own younger members, that it has sold out to the ideologically vague, bourgeois centre party which Labour has become.

Whichever way the ultimate decision goes, there is great danger to the unity of the party's kibbutz movement, Hakibbutz Ha'Artzi. It is feared that a decision to leave the Alignment may lead many kibbutz veterans to vote Labour, while the opposite decision may well send many more young kibbutz leftists into the arms of the small parties on the extreme Left. In the special ambience of Hakibbutz Ha'Artzi, this could lead to a repetition of the traumatic split in the Kibbutz Hamenuhad of the early 1950s.

What might give a new spurt to Mapam, within or outside the Alignment, would be an attempt to build on its major claim to distinction during the past decade and a half. It is the only non-Communist party to have integrated Arab members in its ranks and its leadership. There is an outside chance that a more adventurous Mapam could seek to weld a new coalition between the fragmented and dispirited Left and those elements among the younger Arab population who are prepared to play a responsible political role, and share political power, in a true Jewish-Arab party.

This is something worth pondering during the half year's period of grace which Mapam's convention will apparently decide on tomorrow.

Good for business

THE BURST OF American investment that started after the Six Day War ran out of steam at the time of the Yom Kippur War. The meeting of the Israel-U.S. Business Council that concludes today may herald a new start. In four critical areas that have held up progress, the situation has taken a turn for the better.

First, the climate of economic recession in the U.S. shows signs of dispersing. Second, the rules and regulations facing the businessman in Israel have been modified in the light of experience. The foreign investor faces a better and clearer prospect than before. Of particular note is the ingenious provision (in process of legislation) hedging financial assets against erosion by inflation.

Third, the problem of inflation itself is now being tackled seriously. Over-employment is already a thing of the past, and the policy of subsidising lame ducks is being discarded. Profit-and-loss considerations are being restored as the measuring rod for business success or failure.

Finally, foreign apprehension about Israel's security in face of Arab military threats seems to be ebbing. This is reflected in the massive inflow of foreign visitors — tourism being a sensitive barometer of public confidence.

The visiting team of high-level American businessmen have been exploring what their leader, Governor George Romney, calls the "business environment." He expressed confidence yesterday that — with the aid of Elmer Winter's Committee of Economic Growth — favourable results can be expected.

It is important that Government departments take special care this time to eliminate all administrative obstacles. The Council's welcome new initiative must be nurtured, not stifled by the bureaucrats.

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THE DECLARATION signed at the conclusion of last year's Helsinki Conference on European Security by the 35 participating states, including the Soviet Union, has this to say on the subject of radio broadcasting:

"The participating states note the expansion in the dissemination of information broadcast by radio, and express the hope for the continuation of this process, so as to meet the interest of mutual understanding among peoples and the aims set forth in this conference."

So far, the impact of this provision on radio broadcasts throughout the Soviet bloc has been conspicuous only for its total non-observance. The Soviet Union and its communist allies are still engaged in a massive, widely ramified and enormously expensive effort to jam foreign radio broadcasts in their languages from such stations as Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe, Radio Peking, Radio Tirana — and, of course, Kol Israel.

Each and every jamming operation has its own history. Radio Liberty, operating from Munich, has had to contend with deliberate interference by jamming from the very start of its broadcasts to the Soviet Union in 1953. Radio Free Europe, which aims its transmissions at Eastern Europe alone, has been free from jamming for more than a decade in Hungary and Rumania, but is still being jammed in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

Radio Peking was added to the Soviet blacklist in 1963, and has not been taken off it except for a brief period after Khrushchev's fall in 1964. Radio Tirana started broadcasting to the Soviet Union joining China in opposing the Kremlin's rule, and has never been allowed to get through without interference. The jamming of Kol Israel began in June, 1972, and it has been going on ever since.

But a number of leading Western radio stations are no longer considered by the Soviets to be sources of "hostile" and "warmongering" propaganda meriting intensive jamming (at least in the big cities).

Aggression by jamming

Soviet jamming of the transmissions of a number of foreign broadcasting stations — including Kol Israel's in Russian, Yiddish and Georgian—is continuing, says MIKHAIL AGURSKY, despite Soviet commitments to the free dissemination of information by radio.

These include the Voice of America, the BBC, and Deutsche Welle. Broadcasts emanating from Sweden, Japan, Canada, the Vatican, India and Iran are also now left alone. The same has been the case at least until recently with the "hate Israel" short-wave programmes of Egypt and Iraq.

NEEDLESS to say, the Soviet Government has good cause to dislike heartily a lot of the foreign programmes beamed to the Soviet Union. For these programmes offer their listeners much of the vital information that is deliberately censored in the Soviet mass media.

The attitude of Soviet listeners to foreign broadcasts is quite disconcerting, and it changes with the circumstances. For example, while the BBC was for many years the most popular station, its place has now been taken by Deutsche Welle, which is regarded as more independent of official policies than its British competitor. Still, it is the Voice of America which attracts the largest number of listeners, for the simple reason that it operates more hours than any other service — virtually around the clock.

Yet despite the easy availability of these unjammed transmissions, millions of Soviet citizens make a point of catching the jammed broadcasts. This is due at least in part to the fact that the cessation of jamming is uniformly followed, as though under some tacit agreement, by the muting blunting of the previously direct and forceful message carried by the foreign

programmes. Conformity is, after all, something that Soviet listeners get more than enough of at home. On Radio Liberty, however, they can hear — despite the jamming — some of the best representatives of the recent emigration to the West, such as Andrei Sinavsky ("Abram Tert"), Vladimir Maximov, Alexander Galich, Victor Nekrasov, Naum Korzhavin, and Anatoly Kuznetsov.

Jewish listeners are, of course, especially keen on catching Kol Israel transmissions. The role of the Israel radio in arousing the national consciousness of Soviet Jews, during the years before the onset of jamming, is beyond dispute. Without it, it is doubtful whether the movement of aliyah from the Soviet Union would ever have materialized.

Errors have doubtless been committed in the past, especially by way of depicting Israel as something akin to an earthly paradise, instead of presenting it as a challenge for would-be pioneers. This had the effect of adding to the difficulties of absorption of new aliyah. But such errors lend themselves to easy correction. In any case, Kol Israel's major problem today is simply to overcome the massive sound barrier which the KGB jamming operations are placing on its way to Jewish homes all across the Soviet Union, from Soviet Lithuania to Soviet Georgia.

Much more powerful transmitters would help solve part of the problem. In the meantime, Soviet listeners, Kol Israel, as to the other proscribed stations, are devising means of outwitting the jammers on their own.

They have discovered, for example, that by turning the radio knob carefully and patiently around the dial they will, sooner or later, find a spot where the voice of the broadcaster becomes audible in the dreadful noise surrounding it.

They have also found out that there are large areas outside the big cities where jamming is not very effective. Thus on a week-end outing at a distance of a mere 50-60 kilometres from Moscow a moderately clear signal from Jerusalem can be secured.

ASSESSING the listening habits of Soviet citizens to foreign broadcasts is not an easy task, but some attempts have been made, and conclusions have been drawn which carry a fair degree of reliability. Thus a random sample of 1,300 former and present Soviet citizens yielded the information, some years ago, that Radio Liberty alone reaches an audience of 5 million adults on an average day, and a total of 35 to 40 million in a month. Most of these, moreover, are regular listeners. The greatest receptiveness to the station's message is to be found among members of the intellectual community, including university students. But it is interesting to point out that no less than one out of three party members polled by Radio Liberty researches turned out to be regular listeners.

In their effort to minimize the impact of those foreign broadcasts, the KGB has been most successful in the case of those stations which are considered most dangerous, the Soviet authorities have not been content merely to make listening as difficult

as possible. They have also resorted to a campaign of truly phantasmagoric slander and defamation, to outright terrorism against broadcasters and contributors, and in some instances to infiltration. The extent of the infiltration cannot, of course, be ascertained, but that it has been tried is beyond question.

One of the prime targets of the KGB in conducting this counter-offensive has been the U.S. Congress, which supports both Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Inside the Congress, the Kremlin found a ready ally in ex-Senator William F. Fulbright, who urged — and worked hard for — a cut off in funds for both stations. In the meantime, however, the Senator's own career on Capitol Hill has been cut short, with entirely beneficial results for radio listeners eager for the truth in the Soviet Union.

It has been argued that Soviet hostility to foreign broadcasts critical of Soviet conduct beamed to Soviet territories is only natural. That may be so, but that is not the point. There are a great many governments around the world which could legitimately take umbrage at Soviet broadcasts to their own countries. Yet they do not resort to jamming of the Soviet transmissions, even though the programmes very often preach violence and violence against constituted authority. No such charge could ever be brought against, for example, Kol Israel or Radio Liberty. What the Kremlin really objects to is the constant reminder, from abroad, that Soviet citizens have a whole wide range of formal rights which their own supposedly elected rulers are trampling underfoot.

The continued jamming of foreign broadcasts by the Soviet Union today is in blatant contravention of the Helsinki Declaration. Nay, more, it only because it interferes with listening to such programmes even in the countries of their origin — for it is next to impossible to hear Kol Israel on short-waves in Jerusalem and Radio Liberty in Munich — it represents a clear-cut case of international aggression by radio.

No charisma needed

IT IS IDEALS, not charismatic leadership, that has made the Labour Party, if the party wants to retain its leading role in the nation, it must give prominence to ideological debate. The advice comes from Moshe Carmel, who was Minister of Transport when Abduh Ha'avoda was an independent party. And it was prompted, of course, by a reference to Prof. Yigael Yadin's emergence into politics.

"I like Yigael," Carmel asserts. They fought together in the War of Independence, Yadin as Chief of Staff, Carmel as Commander of the Northern Front. They were on the same side after the war, when Ben-Gurion put his foot down against Yadin's insistence on big allocations for maintaining a large army as possible. Ben-Gurion and Yigael Dori took the advice of an American expert to build a small but well-equipped professional army. "We were convinced that there is no way to fight without a large Reserve force."

Yadin took too long before turning to politics, Carmel feels. "He lost by it, and the nation too." The proper way to act, however, is to join a political organization. The Labour Party? "Yes, why not?" Yadin will find in it many kindred souls. "But he should not aspire to be a saviour." The party, as Carmel sees it, is a meeting ground for the greatest

Yigael Yadin should join the Labour Party, but he should not aspire to be a saviour, says Moshe Carmel in a talk with Sraya Shapiro. People are living in a fool's paradise, and the Labour leadership must dare to tell them the truth.

possible number of people devoted to the common ideal of Labour Zionism. To the challenge of national rebirth in the land of the ancestors. Of building a just society. There is a consensus in the Alignment for trying to achieve these aims, Carmel feels.

But why, then, the fierce battles between Mapam and Labour? They are based on a misconception, Carmel feels. Some Mapam leaders want a declarative resolution about the future of Judea and Samaria. "What for? I do not see any need for a decision in the foreseeable future. If Mapam insists on breaking up the Alignment, what about the many Labour members who feel practically as Mapam does on many issues? Should they break off too? But this is

nonsense. Old associations are not easily abandoned. However, the opposition of the old Mapal leadership to factions has been overruled by life. Mapam can stay without wrestling with its conscience."

As for Abduh Ha'avoda, it no longer exists as a faction or in any other form. Old-timers still meet on occasion, but they do not adopt resolutions. Younger leaders in Abduh Ha'avoda, not wishing to abandon the course they began in the old faction, have formed an "ideological group," commonly known as "Exodus."

LABOUR's future leadership must be one that will dare to tell the nation the truth, Carmel says. "People are living in a fool's paradise. Young men vie with each other making money. In our time, the honourable thing was to wield the turban." But if an economic debate is not prevented, there will be political pressures, and probably others too.

How can this be impressed on the nation without resorting to a charismatic personality? Old rebel Carmel is not perturbed. The party, he says, can operate by sticking to the procedures of decision-making, as outlined in the party constitution. Members must learn to abide by the majority decision while being free to express their views. That is democracy.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

THE STRAINS of Beethoven's music will be heard this afternoon for the first time in the heart of the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem's Old City.

The Anglo-Jewish Impresario, Victor Hochhauser, is presenting the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lukas Foss and with Emanuel Ax (first prize winner of the Rubinstein International Piano Competition) as soloist at 4.30 in the Batei Machseh Square. The concert, arranged in conjunction with the Jerusalem Theatre, the Israel Broadcasting Authority and the Jerusalem Foundation, will present an all-Beethoven programme consisting of the Leonore Overture No. 3, the Fourth Piano Concerto and the Seventh Symphony.

The Batei Machseh Square was chosen for the concert (and for a second one on July 1) because it symbolizes the renaissance of cultural life in the Jewish Quarter and for its excellent acoustics.

Proceeds from both concerts will go to the Sharetz Scholarship Fund for Young Artists.

THE BULLETIN of feature material published by Unesco still seems to be under the influence of last year's anti-Jewish resolutions.

For instance, an article dealing with the conference held in Poland in February of this year on the subject of revitalizing historic areas sums up what is called the "Warsaw Recommendation." Ninety-four experts from 48 countries agreed in Warsaw on the need to build up public awareness of the cultural value of "historic areas." There is no mention of the fact that immediately prior to the conference the Polish Government had completed its obliteration of the last remains of the former Jewish region of Warsaw. This had once housed over 800,000 inhabitants and accounted for almost a third of the city's area.

A second article in the same issue (No. 68/1976) is devoted to the late Rene Cassin, one of the authors of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The lengthy tribute managed to avoid any reference to Cassin's Jewishness, to his devotion to Israel or the horror he expressed at the callous attitude of the Christian world to the fate of the Maronite minority in Lebanon. Like so many Jewish humanitarians before him, Cassin emerged at the hands of Unesco like an insubstantial ghost. Which may be the ultimate fate of Unesco itself.

READERS' LETTERS

IN SUPPORT OF GIDEON RAFAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Reports in your newspaper referring to an alleged crisis of relations between Ambassador Rafael and the Anglo-Jewish community, are completely without foundation. The strongest ties of cooperation and personal friendship exist and have enabled the community to achieve solidarity with Israel, as witnessed at the Baris Court rally. Without the Ambassador's whole-hearted personal support, all our efforts could not achieve such a resounding success. We regard these press reports as not only offending the truth, but offensive to our community.

LORD FISHER OF CAMDEN,
President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews
ERIC MOONJAIN, Chairman of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland
TREVOR CHINN, Co-Chairman of the Joint Israel Appeal Tel Aviv (London).

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We are greatly distressed by your report of a rift between Ambassador Rafael and the leaders of the Anglo-Jewish community. We have no knowledge of it and indeed enjoy the most amicable relationship with him.

MICHAEL SACHSE
EDWARD SIEFF
London

WORLD CONFERENCE OF RABBIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was more than surprised to read your report on Chief Rabbi Yosef's attitude to the World Conference of Rabbis to be convened by Chief Rabbi Goren (May 21).

The Sephardi Chief Rabbi attributes the purpose of the proposed conference to the possible reinstating of the Sanhedrin and this worries him as he maintains that it would be against halacha. According to him, this can only take place after the Messiah will have come.

As a mere humble onlooker, it is not becoming for me to enter the arena of two such giants in halacha, yet from what I have been able to glean from my studies, it was

Maimonides who clearly and categorically stated that Messiah could not come until the Sanhedrin would be reinstated to administer justice according to Jewish tradition. Maimonides based this statement on the verse of Isaiah: "And I shall cause to return your judges as before and your counsellors as at the beginning; thereafter thou shalt be called the city of justice, the faithful city." Maimonides states that the "thereafter" is conditional and only when the system of judges on the basis of the Sanhedrin will be re-established will the Messiah come to fortify the city of justice for all times.

Netanya. I. HADARI

JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Now that Israel TV has presented us with a long programme about the "plight" of Israel's Arabs, which earned the admiration of your TV commentator, Phillip Gillon (May 28), may I suggest that the time is appropriate for a follow-up programme on Jews from Arab lands. This Shavuot is the 35th anniversary of the Baghdad massacre, when, with the knowledge of Iraq's pro-Nazi government, armed and incited mobs attacked Jews and Jewish property throughout Baghdad, killing 170-180 Jews and wounding hundreds more. Police and army joined the rioters and looters.

Israel TV should commemorate the memory of our brethren who were the victims of Arab violence 35 years ago this week (and perhaps of those who fell in the massacres that took place in Libya in 1945, in Aden in 1947, in Egypt in 1948, etc.)

The outlay would be minimal. Baruch Gittels of Tel Aviv University has produced a documentary film "Dhimmi — to be a Jew in an Arab land" that tells the story in 35 minutes. We saw it in Jerusalem recently. It should be shown all over the country and abroad.

However, here it should have Arabic sub-titles so that Israeli Arab citizens, as well as the Arabs on the West Bank, will once and for all be exposed to what it meant (and what it still means) for 4,500 Jews in Syria deprived of all human rights to be a Jew under Arab administration. Not at all like being an Arab under Jewish administration!

A large number of us who pay TV licence fees expect Israel TV to give priority to Jewish interests. The least we can expect of our media here is that they will aim at providing a sense of proportion of the home-front.

Jerusalem. ORA DABAN

U.S. ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to your headline of May 31, "If re-elected, Ford won't change policy," please note that Mr. Ford was never elected to the post of President and therefore it is impossible to re-elect him.

Mrs. FREDA FELDMAN
Rishon LeZion.

SAVING WATER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Martha Meisel's article on "Water wisdom" (May 28) prompts me to voice a complaint shared by many residents of cooperative houses with one water meter for the whole building. It is manifestly unjust that a flat occupied by one person should pay the same amount for water as a flat occupied by a large family, merely because it has the same number of rooms.

The cost of installing a separate meter is prohibitive, but surely some system could be devised to share the water bill not only according to the number of rooms, but also the number of occupants. As matters stand, there is no inducement to economize on water.

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